



County of Los Alamos

Minutes

County Council – Regular Session

Los Alamos, NM 87544

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*Randall Ryti, Council Chair; Ryn Herrmann, Council Vice Chair;
Theresa Cull, Melanee Hand, Suzie Havemann,
Beverly Neal-Clinton, and David Reagor, Councilors*

Tuesday, July 7, 2026

6:00 PM

Council Chambers – 1000 Central Avenue

1. OPENING/ROLL CALL

The Council Chair, Randall Ryti, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Chair Ryti made opening remarks regarding the meeting's procedure.

The following Councilors were in attendance:

**Present: 6 – Councilor Ryti, Councilor Herrmann, Councilor Cull, Councilor Hand,
Councilor Havemann, and Councilor Reagor**

Remote: 1 – Councilor Neal-Clinton

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by: All.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Councilor Cull, seconded by Councilor Havemann, that Council approve the agenda as presented.

The motion passed with the following vote:

**Yes: 7 – Councilor Ryti, Councilor Herrmann, Councilor Cull, Councilor Hand,
Councilor Havemann, Councilor Neal-Clinton, and Councilor Reagor**

5. PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, AND RECOGNITIONS

- A.** Presentation by Dr. Stanley Pyram, Manager of the Department of Energy Environmental Management, Los Alamos Field Office and Brad Smith, President of N3B

Dr. Stanley Pyram presented.
Mr. Brad Smith presented.

Public Comment:
None.

No action taken.

- B.** Presentation on Council Strategic Focus Area: Economic Vitality and Quarterly Economic Development Update

Mr. Elias Isaacson, Community Development Director, spoke.
Mr. Maksim Khudiakov, Economic Development Administrator, presented.
Ms. Anita Barela, Economic Development Program Manager, presented.
Ms. Ellyn Felton, Tourism and Marketing Program Manager, presented.
Ms. Anne Laurent, County Manager, spoke.
Ms. Helen Perraglio, Administrative Services Director, spoke.

Public Comment:
None.

No action taken.

RECESS

Councilor Ryti called for a recess at 8:21 p.m. The meeting was reconvened at 8:31 p.m.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

None.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

Consent Motion:

A motion was made by Councilor Cull, seconded by Councilor Herrmann, that Council approve the items on the Consent Agenda as presented and that the motions in the staff reports be included for the record.

- A.** Approval of County Council Minutes for the June 23, 2026, Work Session

I move that Council approve the minutes for the June 23, 2026, Work Session as presented.

- B. Approval of Contract for General Services, Agreement No. AGR27-806 with CDW-G in the Amount Not to Exceed \$73,400.00, plus Applicable Gross Receipts Tax, for the Fiscal Year 2027 Purchase of Adobe Large Government Agencies (LGA) Program Licenses, and the Total Cumulative Expense Amount with CDW-G of \$375,628.25 for Fiscal Years 2019 through 2027

I move that Council approve Agreement No. AGR27-806 with CDW-G in the amount not to exceed \$73,400.00, plus applicable Gross Receipts Tax, for the fiscal year 2027 purchase of Adobe Large Government Agencies (LGA) program licenses, and the total cumulative expense amount with CDW-G of \$375,628.25 for fiscal years 2019 through 2027.

- C. Board/Commission Appointment(s) - Los Alamos County Health Council

I move that Council nominate and appoint Cecile Hemez to the Los Alamos County Health Council for a term beginning on June 23, 2026, and ending on June 23, 2028.

- D. Approval to Submit for the FY27 Outdoor Recreation Trails+ Grant Application to the New Mexico Economic Development Department, Outdoor Recreation Division in the Amount of \$1,000,000

I move that Council approve the submission of the FY27 Outdoor Recreation Trails+ grant application to the New Mexico Economic Development Department, Outdoor Recreation Division in the Amount of \$1,000,000.

- E. Board/Commission Appointment - Historic Preservation Advisory Board

I move that Council nominate and appoint Irene Powell to the Historic Preservation Advisory Board for a term beginning May 1, 2026, and ending April 30, 2029.

The motion passed with the following vote:

Yes: 7 – Councilor Ryti, Councilor Herrmann, Councilor Cull, Councilor Hand, Councilor Havemann, Councilor Neal-Clinton, and Councilor Reagor

8. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE(S)

- A. Introduction of Incorporated County of Los Alamos Code Ordinance No. 02-371; A Code Ordinance Amending Chapter 16, Development Code, Article V, Administration and Enforcement, Division 1, Review And Decision-Making Bodies, Sections 16-68, 16-69, 16-70, Division 2, Procedures, Sections 16-71, 16-72 Division 3, Specific Development Procedures Sections 16-73, 16-74, 16-75, Division 4, Non-conformities, Sections 16-79, 16-81, 16-83, Division 5, Construction Improvements, Sections 16-84, 16-91, 16-92, 16-93, and Division 6, Violations, Enforcement, and Penalties, Section 16-98

Councilor Havemann introduced, without prejudice, Incorporated County of Los Alamos Code Ordinance No. 02-371; A Code Ordinance Amending Chapter 16, Development Code, Article V, Administration and Enforcement, Division 1, Review and Decision-Making Bodies, Sections 16-68, 16-69, 16-70, Division 2, Procedures, Sections 16-71, 16-72 Division 3, Specific Development Procedures Sections 16-73, 16-74, 16-75, Division 4, Non-conformities, Sections 16-79, 16-81, 16-83, Division 5, Construction Improvements, Sections 16-84, 16-91, 16-92, 16-93, and Division 6, Violations, Enforcement, and Penalties, Section 16-98.

9. PUBLIC HEARING(S)

- A. Incorporated County of Los Alamos Ordinance No. 756; An Ordinance Authorizing The Issuance Of The Incorporated County Of Los Alamos, New Mexico Gross Receipts Tax Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2026A (The “Bonds”), In The Principal Amount Not To Exceed \$35,000,000 For The Purpose Of Acquiring, Extending, Enlarging, Bettering, Repairing And Otherwise Improving Fire Station Number 4, Fire Fighting And Safety Facilities And Equipment, And Other Public Buildings, Facilities And Infrastructure; Providing That The Bonds Will Be Payable And Collectible From Certain Gross Receipts Tax Revenues Distributed To The County; Providing For The Disposition Of The Receipts Derived From Certain Gross Receipts Tax Revenues; Delegating Authority To The County Council Chair And County Manager To Approve Certain Terms And Details Of The Bonds At The Time The Bonds Are Priced; Prescribing Other Details Concerning The Bonds And Gross Receipts Tax Revenues, Including But Not Limited To Covenants And Agreements In Connection With The Bonds And The Form And Manner Of Execution Of The Bonds; Authorizing The Preparation Of A Preliminary Official Statement And The Form Of A Final Official Statement For The Marketing Of The Bonds; Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of A Bond Purchase Agreement If The Bonds Are Sold In A Negotiated Sale, And Other Agreements And Certificates In Connection With The Bonds; Ratifying Action Previously Taken In Connection With The Bonds; And Repealing All Ordinances In Conflict Herewith

Mrs. Melissa Dadzie, Chief Financial Officer, presented.

Public Comment:
None.

A motion was made by Councilor Cull, seconded by Councilor Neal-Clinton, that Council adopt Incorporated County of Los Alamos Ordinance No. 756; An Ordinance Authorizing The Issuance Of The Incorporated County Of Los Alamos, New Mexico Gross Receipts Tax Improvement Revenue Bonds, Series 2026A (The “Bonds”), In The Principal Amount Not To Exceed \$35,000,000 For The Purpose Of Acquiring, Extending, Enlarging, Bettering, Repairing And Otherwise Improving Fire Station Number 4, Fire Fighting And Safety Facilities And Equipment, And Other Public Buildings, Facilities And Infrastructure; Providing That The Bonds Will Be Payable And Collectible From Certain Gross Receipts Tax Revenues Distributed To The County; Providing For The Disposition Of The Receipts Derived From Certain Gross Receipts Tax Revenues; Delegating Authority To The County Council Chair And County Manager To Approve Certain Terms And Details Of The Bonds At The Time The Bonds Are Priced; Prescribing Other Details Concerning The Bonds And Gross Receipts Tax Revenues, Including But Not Limited To Covenants And Agreements In Connection With The Bonds And The Form And Manner Of Execution Of The Bonds; Authorizing The Preparation Of A Preliminary Official Statement And The Form Of A Final Official Statement For The Marketing Of The Bonds; Authorizing The Execution And Delivery Of A Bond Purchase Agreement If The Bonds Are Sold In A Negotiated Sale, And Other Agreements And Certificates In Connection With The Bonds; Ratifying Action Previously Taken In Connection With The Bonds; And Repealing All Ordinances In Conflict Herewith; approving the form of the Preliminary Official Statement as amended and included in the agenda packet; and asking staff to assure that it is published as provided in the County Charter.

The motion passed with the following vote:

Yes: 7 – Councilor Ryti, Councilor Herrmann, Councilor Cull, Councilor Hand, Councilor Havemann, Councilor Neal-Clinton, and Councilor Reagor

- B. Incorporated County of Los Alamos Ordinance No. 757; An Ordinance Proposing Amendment to Article III, Section 305, Subsection 305.3, of the Charter of the Incorporated County of Los Alamos to be Submitted to the Electorate for Adoption or Rejection at a General Election on November 3, 2026, Pertaining to Standing Boards and Commissions and Ad Hoc Advisory Committees

Ms. Linda Matteson, Deputy County Manager, presented.

Public Comment:
None.

A motion was made by Councilor Herrmann, seconded by Councilor Cull, that Council adopt Incorporated County of Los Alamos Ordinance No. 757; An Ordinance Proposing Amendment to Article III, Section 305, Subsection 305.3, of the Charter of the Incorporated County of Los Alamos to be Submitted to the Electorate for Adoption or Rejection at a General Election on November 3, 2026, Pertaining to Standing Boards and Commissions and Ad Hoc Advisory Committees and asked the staff to assure that it is published as provided in the County Charter.

The motion passed with the following vote:

Yes: 5 – Councilor Ryti, Councilor Herrmann, Councilor Cull, Councilor Hand, and Councilor Havemann

No: 2 – Councilor Neal-Clinton and Councilor Reagor

- C. Incorporated County of Los Alamos Ordinance No. 758; An Ordinance Proposing Amendment to Article V, Section 509 of the Charter of the Incorporated County of Los Alamos to be Submitted to the Electorate for Adoption or Rejection at a General Election on November 3, 2026, Pertaining to Priority of Budgeted Expenditures

Ms. Linda Matteson, Deputy County Manager, presented.

Public Comment:
Mr. Robert Gibson spoke.

A motion was made by Councilor Cull, seconded by Councilor Herrmann, that Council adopt Incorporated County of Los Alamos Ordinance No. 758; An Ordinance Proposing Amendment to Article V, Section 509 of the Charter of the Incorporated County of Los Alamos to be Submitted to the Electorate for Adoption or Rejection at a General Election on November 3, 2026, Pertaining to Priority of Budgeted Expenditures and ask the staff to assure that it is published as provided in the County Charter.

The motion passed with the following vote:

Yes: 7 – Councilor Ryti, Councilor Herrmann, Councilor Cull, Councilor Hand, Councilor Havemann, Councilor Neal-Clinton, and Councilor Reagor

- D. Incorporated County of Los Alamos Resolution No. 26-12, A Resolution of the Incorporated County of Los Alamos Council Authorizing Application to the New Mexico Department of Transportation for Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 Rural Area Transportation Program Funding for Federal Fiscal Year 2028 to Fund the Administrative, Operating and Capital Needs of Atomic City Transit in the Amount of \$7,271,004

Mr. James Barela, Transit Manager, presented.

Public Comment:
None.

A motion was made by Councilor Hand, seconded by Councilor Neal-Clinton, that Council approve Incorporated County of Los Alamos Resolution No. 26-12, a Resolution of the Incorporated County of Los Alamos Council Authorizing Application to the New Mexico Department of Transportation for Federal Transit Administration Section 5311 Rural Area Transportation Program Funding for Federal Fiscal Year 2028 to Fund the Administrative, Operating and Capital Needs of Atomic City Transit in the Amount of \$7,271,004.

The motion passed with the following vote:

Yes: 7 – Councilor Ryti, Councilor Herrmann, Councilor Cull, Councilor Hand, Councilor Havemann, Councilor Neal-Clinton, and Councilor Reagor

- E. Incorporated County of Los Alamos Resolution No. 26-13, A Resolution Endorsing the North Central Regional Transit District's FY2027 Budget Proposal, Approving the FY2027 Los Alamos County Regional Transit Plan and Directing the County Manager to Submit the FY2027 Los Alamos County Regional Transit Plan to the North Central Regional Transit District Board of Directors

Mr. James Barela, Transit Manager, presented.
Mr. Alvin Leaphart, County Attorney, spoke.

Public Comment:
None.

A motion was made by Councilor Hand, seconded by Councilor Cull, that Council approve Resolution No. 26-13 as revised.

The motion passed with the following vote:

Yes: 7 – Councilor Ryti, Councilor Herrmann, Councilor Cull, Councilor Hand, Councilor Havemann, Councilor Neal-Clinton, and Councilor Reagor

10. COUNCIL BUSINESS

A. General Council Business

- 1) New Mexico Counties / State of New Mexico Statutory Amendment Discussion

Chair Ryti presented.
Mr. Alvin Leaphart, County Attorney, spoke.
Ms. Anne Laurent, County Manager, spoke.

Public Comment:
None.

No action taken.

- 2) Discussion and Possible Request of the Environmental Sustainability Board to Evaluate Expanding Recycling Services

Chair Ryti spoke.

Councilor Hand presented.

Mr. David Hampton, Chair of the Environmental Sustainability Board, spoke.

Ms. Angelica Gurule, Sustainability Manager, spoke.

Ms. Anne Laurent, County Manager, spoke.

Public Comment:

Ms. Jody Benson spoke.

Ms. Lisa Shin spoke.

A motion made by Councilor Hand, seconded by Councilor Reagor, that Council direct the Environmental Sustainability Board to lead three pieces of work and report their findings back to Council as outlined in the presentation given tonight and report back to Council by the end of the calendar year as to incorporate this in the next year's work plan.

The motion failed with the following vote:

Yes: 3 – Councilor Hand, Councilor Neal-Clinton, and Councilor Reagor

No: 4 – Councilor Ryti, Councilor Herrmann, Councilor Cull, and Councilor Havemann

B. Appointments

None.

C. Board and Commission Vacancy Report

- 1) Board and Commission Vacancy Report

D. Board and Commission Reports

Councilor Herrmann reported on the Board of Public Utilities.

Councilor Havemann reported on the Planning & Zoning Commission.

E. County Manager's Report

None.

F. Council Chair Report

Councilor Ryti reported on:

- Changing the appointments to the North Center Economic Development District
- Meeting with constituents about low-income housing
- New Mexico Environmental Department's upcoming workshop on hexavalent chromium
- Attending the Fourth of July event at Overlook Park

G. Approval of Councilor Expenses

None.

H. Preview of Upcoming Agenda Items

1) Tickler Report of Upcoming Agenda Items

Chair Ryti highlighted items on the report attached to the agenda.

Ms. Anne Laurent, County Manager, spoke.

Mr. Alvin Leaphart, County Attorney, spoke.

11. COUNCILOR COMMENTS

None.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:19 p.m.

INCORPORATED COUNTY OF LOS ALAMOS

Randall Ryti, Council Chair

Attest:

Michael D. Redondo, County Clerk

Meeting Transcribed by: Allison Collins, Senior Deputy Clerk

9. PUBLIC HEARING(S)

- E. RE0668-26 Incorporated County of Los Alamos Resolution No. 26-13, A Resolution Endorsing the North Central Regional Transit District's FY2027 Budget Proposal, Approving the FY2027 Los Alamos County Regional Transit Plan and Directing the County Manager to Submit the FY2027 Los Alamos County Regional Transit Plan to the North Central Regional Transit District Board of Directors

The title of Resolution No. 26-13 needs to be corrected as shown below:

Incorporated County of Los Alamos Resolution No. 26-13

A Resolution Endorsing the North Central Regional Transit District's FY2027 Budget Proposal, Approving the FY2027 Los Alamos County Regional Transit Plan and Directing the County Manager to Submit the FY2026 FY2027 Los Alamos County Regional Transit Plan to the North Central Regional Transit District Board of Directors

Therefore, use the following revised Recommended Action:

I move that Council approve Resolution No 26-13 as revised.

INCORPORATED COUNTY OF LOS ALAMOS RESOLUTION NO. 26-13

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT'S FY2027 BUDGET PROPOSAL, APPROVING THE FY2027 LOS ALAMOS COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSIT PLAN AND DIRECTING STAFF TO SUBMIT THE ~~FY2026~~ FY2027 LOS ALAMOS COUNTY REGIONAL TRANSIT PLAN TO THE NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL TRANSIT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL

WHEREAS, the current membership of the North Central Regional Transit District (NCRTD or "District") includes the Incorporated County of Los Alamos ("County"), the County of Santa Fe, the County of Rio Arriba, the County of Taos, the City of Santa Fe, the City of Espanola, the Village of Chama, the Town of Edgewood, the Town of Taos, the Pueblo of San Ildefonso, the Pueblo of Pojoaque, the Pueblo of Santa Clara, the Pueblo of Nambe, the Pueblo of Tesuque, the Pueblo of Ohkay Owingeh, the Village of Questa, and the Village of Taos Ski Valley (the "District members"); and

WHEREAS, regional transit gross receipt taxes redistributed by NCRTD is an important and significant local funding source for transit; and

WHEREAS, the District has developed a funding allocation formula that allocates funding for regional transit services to County; and

WHEREAS, NCRTD Resolution 2009-07 provides, "The NCRTD Board has the authority and duty to monitor the use of funds it furnishes to District members, to coordinate the overall transportation policy within its service area and to account to the State of New Mexico for its activities"; and

WHEREAS, the coordination of District members' service plans with NCRTD is key to an effective regional transit system; and

WHEREAS, each member must submit locally approved service plans to the NCRTD Board for such plans to be included in the NCRTD Regional Service Plan, which ensures that transit services funded by the regional transit gross receipts tax meet the criteria established by NCRTD Resolution 2011-10, as amended, and that regional transit services are effectively coordinated by NCRTD; and

WHEREAS, the existing services provided by County have been deemed by the District to meet the definition of "regional public transit" as adopted by the NCRTD Board and incorporated into its financial policies by NCRTD Resolution 2011-10, as amended; and

WHEREAS, NCRTD has identified funding in its FY2027 operating budget to keep the aforementioned regional services operated by County funded and running through FY2027; and

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WHEREAS, NCRTD shall reimburse County for said regional transit services, upon receipt of invoices for services delivered, up to a FY2027 total of TWO MILLION THIRTY-ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-ONE DOLLARS (\$2,031,271.00).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE INCORPORATED COUNTY OF LOS ALAMOS that the proposed FY2027 NCRTD budget and the existing regional transit services identified above are endorsed and approved as part of the Los Alamos County Regional Transit Plan for FY2027, and upon approval by the NCRTD Board of Directors, shall be incorporated into the NCRTD Regional Service Plan.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 7th day of July 2026.

**COUNCIL OF THE INCORPORATED
COUNTY OF LOS ALAMOS, NEW MEXICO**

**Randall T. Ryti,
Council Chair**

ATTEST: (Seal)

**Michael D. Redondo,
Los Alamos County Clerk**